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SUBJECT: PM MANLEY'S REACTION TO HIS WASHINGTON VISIT AND  
MEETING WITH THE PRESIDENT

1. DURING BRIEF CONVERSATION EVENING DECEMBER 21, PRIME  
MINISTER MANLEY'S PERMANENT SECRETARY, GORDON WELLS, TOLD  
DCM THAT MANLEY AND ALL THOSE ACCOMPANYING HIM WERE EX-  
TREMELY PLEASED WITH THEIR WASHINGTON PROGRAM AND IN PAR-  
TICULAR WITH THEIR MEETING WITH THE PRESIDENT.

2. WELLS SAID THAT THE "BIGGEST PLUSES" OF THE MEETING  
WITH THE PRESIDENT WERE THE LATTER'S "SYMPATHETIC AND KNOW-  
LEDGEABLE UNDERSTANDING OF JAMAICA'S CONCERNS", AND THE  
PERSONAL RAPPORT ESTABLISHED BETWEEN THE PRESIDENT AND THE  
PRIME MINISTER. "ON THE NEGATIVE SIDE", WELLS COMMENTED  
THAT MANLEY WAS FAR MORE NERVOUS THAN USUAL. AS A CON-  
SEQUENCE HE LOST TRACK OF TIME DURING HIS MEETING WITH THE  
PRESIDENT, AND THUS DID NOT ADDRESS A NUMBER OF THE NORTH/  
SOUTH ISSUES WHICH HE ATTACHES HIGH IMPORTANCE TO,  
AND WHICH HE HAD INTENDED TO DISCUSS IN DEPTH WITH THE  
PRESIDENT. WELLS SAID THIS OMISSION WILL BE TAKEN CARE OF  
TO SOME EXTENT IN TWO WAYS. MANLEY DID DISCUSS THESE  
ISSUES IN DEPTH WITH CANADIAN PRIME MINISTER TRUDEAU  
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IN OTTAWA IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE WASHINGTON VISIT. TRUDEAU  
PROMISED TO TELEPHONE PRESIDENT CARTER AND PASS ALONG  
SOME OF MANLEY'S "BASIC NIEO CONCERNS, ESPECIALLY IN THE  
AREA OF COMMODITY PRICES." ADDITIONALLY, PRIME MINISTER  
MANLEY WOULD "GO OVER SOME OF THIS GROUND" IN A LETTER TO  
THE PRESIDENT.

3. WELLS ALSO COMMENTED THAT MANLEY AND HIS PARTY BELIEVED THE MEETING WITH MEMBERS OF THE FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEES OF THE HOUSE AND SENATE "WAS EXTREMELY USEFUL AND EDUCATIONAL FOR ALL PRESENT." SENATOR JAVITS AND SOME OTHER SENATORS AND CONGRESSMEN WERE INVITED TO VISIT JAMAICA AT AN EARLY DATE AND CONTINUE THE DIALOGUE THAT WAS BEGUN IN WASHINGTON.

4. WELLS SAID ONE POSSIBLE AREA OF MISUNDERSTANDING WHICH CONCERNS PRIME MINISTER MANLEY IS VENEZUELA PRESIDENT PEREZ' CALL FOR AN INCREASE IN OIL PRICES AT THE OPEC MEETING IN CARACAS, AND THE SUGGESTION BY PEREZ THAT THE REVENUES FROM THIS INCREASE BE APPLIED TO A DEVELOPMENT FUND FOR THIRD WORLD NATIONS. SINCE MANLEY SAW PEREZ IN CARACAS JUST PRIOR TO THE WASHINGTON VISIT, MANLEY IS WORRIED THAT PRESIDENT CARTER (AND ALSO CANADIAN PRIME MINISTER TRUDEAU) MAY THINK THAT THE PROPOSAL WAS KNOWN TO MANLEY WHILE HE WAS IN WASHINGTON AND OTTAWA AND DELIBERATELY KEPT FROM PRESIDENT CARTER AND PRIME MINISTER TRUDEAU. IN POINT OF FACT, PEREZ' PROPOSAL CAUGHT THE JAMAICAN GOVERNMENT BY SURPRISE. ACCORDING TO WELLS, MANLEY, WHILE IN CARACAS, EXPRESSED OPPOSITON TO A PRICE INCREASE WHILE CALLING FOR GREATER DEVELOPMENTAL AID FROM OPEC MEMBERS. "PEREZ RESPONDED ONLY WITH SYMPATHETIC UNDERSTANDING." WELLS ASKED THAT THIS CONCERN AND EXPLANATION BE PASSED TO PRESIDENT CARTER BY THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE.

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5. TURNING BACK TO THE WASHINGTON VISIT, WELLS SAID IT WAS UNFORTUNATE THAT THE COINCIDENCE OF BEGIN'S PRESENCE IN WASHINGTON RESULTED IN LESS PRESS COVERAGE FOR MANLEY THAN HAD BEEN HOPED FOR. HOWEVER, SUCH COVERAGE AS THERE WAS "WAS VERY FRIENDLY."  
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